



**RACING APPEALS
AND
DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

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DECISION
RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS
and
IAN FLETCHER

Date of Hearing: 13 July 2016

Panel: Judge John Bowman (Chair).

Appearances: Mr Daniel Bolkunowicz appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Fletcher appeared on his own behalf.

Charges 1-7 AR 175(o)(iv)

The Principal Racing Authority (or the stewards exercising powers delegated to them) may penalise: (o) Any person in charge of a horse who in their opinion fails at any time: (iv) to provide proper and sufficient nutrition for a horse.

The particulars being that, prior to 6 April 2016 Mr Fletcher failed to provide proper and sufficient nutrition to 7 horses in his care.

Plea: Guilty to all 7 charges.

Decision: Mr Fletcher is convicted and warned off for a period of 12 months in respect of each charge, with such periods to be served concurrently. Thus, Mr Fletcher is warned off for a total period of 12 months.

In accordance with AR 182(1), during the period of warning off, Mr Fletcher may apply to Racing Victoria for an exemption to the restrictions listed in that rule.

With the consent of Mr Fletcher, Racing Victoria is to have access to his property at Douglas Road, Swan Hill until 13 September 2016 for the purpose of monitoring any horse located there and to assist with the rehoming of any horses, as required.